

THE FRENCH CIVIL WAR.

REPORTS FROM VERSAILLES.

HEAVY CANNONADE—NEW BATTERIES ERRECTED—SEVERE ENGAGEMENTS ON SATURDAY.

VERSAILLES, May 7, 1871.

A heavy cannonade was kept up all last night, and continues this morning. It is reported that fresh batteries have been erected, and will open to-morrow, directing their fire especially against Montreuil.

The work on the trenches between d'Isy and Vanvres is rapidly advancing. No engagement is reported to-day.

Yesterday there were several engagements in the trenches, and some prisoners were taken. All means of communication between the insurgents in Forts d'Isy and Vanvres have been cut off.

The Government and the Assembly have been postponed until after the surrender of Paris.

At the close yesterday there was a sharp engagement in the trenches in front of Forts d'Isy and Vanvres. The Versailles troops stormed a small redan, defended by a force of the Communists, who were taken prisoners.

The work was, however, afterward evacuated, in consequence of its exposure to the fire of Fort Vanvres.

COMMUNIST REPORTS.

A THREE-THREE THE VERSAILLES TROOPS STILL ADVANCING—UNIMPORTANT SUCCESS AT MONTREUIL—THE CHURCHES USED AS CLUB ROOMS AND CONCERT-HALLS—MORE NEWSPAPERS SUPPRESSED.

PARIS, May 7—Evening.

The firing has ceased, and quiet now prevails between the lines, where, apparently by mutual consent, parties are burying the dead, and removing the wounded.

The Communists admit that the Versailles forces are gaining ground. The latter are pushing between Neuilly and the villages of Levallois and Perret, with the object of clearing the Seine, and driving the Communists to Cliey.

The official reports published by the Commune represent that all is quiet at Vincennes. A reconnaissance before Montreuil was repulsed. An engagement took place between outposts near Fort d'Isy in which some Versailles soldiers were taken prisoners. The work of barricading the avenue of the Grand Armee is still going on.

Gen. Rossel has formed the command of the entire Commune army, and in an order of the day appoints Gen. Dombrowski to the command of the right wing, Gen. La Caille to that of the center, Gen. Nobelski to that of the left wing, and Gen. Bergeret and Endes to the command of the reserves.

The commanders of Forts d'Isy and Vanvres have been dismissed by Gen. Rossel. The German commander, Gen. Von der Tann, has, in a communication to the Commune, protested against an excess of 200 troops in the garrison of Fort Vincennes. The Prussians still intercept provisions intended for Paris. Gen. Rossel has complained of interference on the part of the Committee of Safety.

Five priests have been arrested on the charge of being agents of the Church of St. Eustache has been converted into a political club-room, that of St. Germain l'Auxerrois is used for public meetings and concerts, and the Tuileries have been turned into an asylum for the widows and orphans of the National Guards killed in the present struggle.

The Commune has suppressed the following journals: *The Petit Moniteur*, *Petit National*, *Bon Sens*, *Petit Paris*, *Petit Journal*, *France*, and *Temps*. A decree of the Commune orders the gratuitous restoration of all pawn pledges under five francs in value on the establishment of the identity of the original pledgers.

The Commune has ordered the immediate release from confinement of the commandant of Fort Vincennes, who was recently arrested on suspicion of disloyalty to the Commune authorities. The new Minister of War, Gen. Rossel, is unpopular with the Commune.

M. Piat has resigned the membership of the Safety Committee. It is said the Commune has accepted his resignation, and requires the remainder of the Committee to resign.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN BISMARCK AND FAYETTE.

INABILITY OF FRANCE TO PAY THE WAR INDEMNITY—BISMARCK REFUSES TO GRANT AN EXTENSION OF TIME.

FRANKFORT-ON-MAIN, Saturday, May 6, 1871.

Prince Bismarck and Herr von Arnim on the part of Germany, and MM. Favre and Poyer-Quertier on the part of France, have here today for the purpose of holding a conference. Prince Bismarck received a most enthusiastic welcome from the citizens. Two conferences were had today.

M. Poyer-Quertier declared that the payment of the war contributions in accordance with the preliminary treaty of peace was impossible at the present time, owing to the civil war in France. He asked for concessions from Germany, offering as an equivalent for a prolongation of time a commercial treaty and an advantageous arrangement concerning the Eastern Railway.

Julius Favre asked for the return of the prisoners of war, and for the return of arms and ammunition captured from the French by the Germans during the war, and the prompt return of the prisoners of war now in Germany.

In response, Prince Bismarck insisted on the strict and immediate compliance by the French authorities with the preliminary of the Peace Convention. He suggested that loans could be obtained from English, French and German banks, and stated that a further protraction of the delay in carrying out the terms of the treaty would entail serious consequences on the Versailles Government.

At noon, Prince Bismarck had a conference with Baron Rothschild. He will remain in Frankfurt till Monday next.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

ITALY.

A REPUBLICAN COUNCIL PROHIBITED IN ROME.

FLORENCE, May 7, 1871.

In the Chamber of Deputies, yesterday, the supporters of the Government defended its prohibition of the celebration in Rome of the anniversary of the repulse of the French by the Republicans, April 30, 1849, on the ground that disturbances were intended.

The Marquis Migliorini, Italian Minister at Munich, has been transferred to Athens.

TURKEY.

THE SULTAN AND THE KHEDIVÉ AGAIN ON FRIENDLY TERMS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Saturday, May 6, 1871.

The misunderstanding between the Sultan of Turkey and the Khedive of Egypt, has been entirely dissipated. The Sultan has sent an Embassy to Berlin to congratulate the Emperor William upon his accession to the throne of Germany.

MEXICO.

AN EXCITING PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN—DETERMINED OPPOSITION TO JUAREZ—A REVOLUTION THREATENED BY THE ELECTED—ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

MEXICO, April 30.—The Presidential campaign is becoming exciting. Congress contains 15 independent members, who sometimes favor Juarez, and at other times the Fusionists. The Fusionists have triumphed in the City Council affair, the Lerdo ticket gaining the seats, the Juarezists giving way in order to avoid a revolution. The State of Guerrero will vote for Diaz. A breach in the Fusionist ranks is unavoidable as the Fusionists are already denouncing the Lerdoists.

The more trouble the better it is for Juarez. Nobody doubts that upon his reinauguration there will be a revolution throughout the Republic. The State of San Luis Potosi will be the focus of the revolution, and the Government is massing troops in the neighboring States as a precaution.

The Fusionists have written a powerful article, showing that the United States will absorb Mexico, and will no longer be able to resist the advance of the French Republic. The Fusionists are said to be subsidized by the political parties. The Juarezists at the capital are supported directly from the Treasury. The opposition papers are supported by those in whose interests they are run, the leaders expecting to be elected.

The Cabinet is bound to fall. Saenz, the Minister of Justice, resigned on the 21st inst. The new Minister of the Interior, Velasco, resigned on the 22nd, when he was succeeded by Diaz.

THE NEW DOMINION.

AFRICA IN MANITOBA—A LIBERAL HOMESTEAD LAW—EMIGRATION.

TORONTO, Ontario, May 6.—Advice from Winnipeg to the 15th of April have been received. The Lieutenant-Governor is about sending 20 persons around the boundaries of the Province to parley with the Indians, and assure them that a treaty will be made with them.

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